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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/621,795
U.S. Patent Application Entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS OF
ASYMMETRIC INJECTION INTO SUBSONIC FLOW OF A HIGH ASPECT
RATIO/COMPLEX GEOMETRY NOZZLE"
Inventors: Daniel L. Miller et al.
Our Reference No.: 1017.P052 USC2

Dear Examiner Kim:

In response to your telephone message of today regarding Claims 75 - 77, I write to explain certain circumstances regarding our responses to Office Actions and Non-Compliant Amendments.

In our Request for Continued Examination filed October 3, 2003, Claims 75 - 82 were listed as "New". However, Claims 75 - 77 were already introduced in a Response dated August 8, 2002, but were "Not Entered" as stated in an Advisory Action of August 22, 2002.

On December 1, 2003, an Improper Amendment notice was issued because we failed to show markings in our October 3, 2003 RCE. In our December 22, 2003 Response to Improper Amendment, Claims 75 - 77 were inadvertently omitted and, therefore, new claims were erroneously listed as Claims 75 - 79.

We corrected this error in our Response to Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 30, 2004 by including Claims 75 - 77 as "Not Entered", and adding our new claims, beginning with Claim 78. Therefore, erroneously listed Claims 75 - 79 are now correctly listed as Claims 78 - 82.

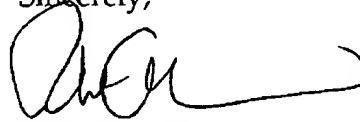
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We apologize for any inconvenience and/or confusion these responses may have caused you. Please let me know if there is anything further we need to do to correct this situation.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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